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In re Application of MWAURA :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/587,060 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/IB04/00352 :  
Int. Filing Date: 23 January 2004 : COMMUNICATION  
Priority Date Claimed: (none) :  
Attorney Docket No.: 7820/88851 :  
For: METHOD OF CONVERTING AQUATIC :  
PLANTS ESPECIALLY HYACINTH INTO :  
USEFUL PRODUCTS :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 23 January 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/IB04/00352. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 01 September 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 23 July 2006.

On 21 July 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/IB04/00352 were submitted by the law firm of Fitch Even Tabin and Flannery. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/597,368.

On 21 July 2006 application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/IB04/00352 were submitted by the law firm of Fredrickson & Byron, P.A. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/587,060.

**DISCUSSION**

The submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper.

**CONCLUSION**

A proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. A proper response must specify which application will continue to be processed under 35 U.S.C. 371. Failure to timely file a proper response will result in ABANDONMENT of the applications. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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